

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "System and Method for Connecting a Call in a Tandem Architecture" specification of which was filed on _____, as Application No. _____ and was amended herewith or, if not identified here by filing date and application number, is attached hereto. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a). In the event that this is a continuation-in-part application I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate by me or my representatives or assigns for this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application No. _____ in _____ on _____ priority claimed () Yes () No

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT IN AN APPLICATION FOR
LETTERS PATENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

I hereby declare that I am the sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention relating to "System and Method for Connecting a Call in a Tandem Architecture" described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America filed on _____, Application No. _____, or, if not identified here by filing date and serial number, executed by me on even date with my execution of this Assignment.

For valuable consideration received, I hereby sell, assign and transfer to Sprint Communications Company L.P., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest, for all countries in and to said inventions and all the rights and privileges under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefore, and any divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof.

I agree that, when requested, I will, without charge to said corporation but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, make all rightful declarations and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents or other forms of protection for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said corporation, its successors, assigns or nominees.

I agree that I will communicate to said corporation or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said inventions and when requested by said corporation and at its expense will testify in any legal proceedings, and generally do everything possible to aid said corporation, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to obtain or enforce proper protection for said inventions in any and all countries.

I authorize and empower said corporation, its successors, assigns or nominees, to make application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions in its or their own name, or in my/our name, in any and all countries to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from me.

I hereby consent that a copy of this Assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in any country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of the said corporation or its successors, assigns or nominees to apply for patent or other proper protection for said inventions, and to claim the aforesaid benefits of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

I covenant with Sprint Communications Company L.P., its successors, assigns, legal representatives, and nominees, that to the best of my knowledge the right, title and interest herein conveyed by me are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that I have the full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

This Agreement and Assignment supersedes all other assignments, agreements and addendums related to the above identified application.

After this Assignment has been recorded, please return it to :

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